

# THE BOTTOM LINE



## ... on Stop Movement in USAREUR

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### The Issue:

Some U.S. Army, Europe soldiers will be affected by the Army's recently announced limited stop movement policy.

### The Facts:

Soldiers with a Date Eligible for Return from Overseas between March 1 and Sept. 30 **may** be extended. Soldiers with a DEROS of Feb. 28 or earlier **will comply** with their assignment instructions, **unless** an exception is approved. Soldiers on orders for temporary duty to attend a school **may not** attend if the school report date is on or after March 1. Soldiers with a previously approved inter-theater tour or consecutive overseas tour **may not** proceed to the gaining unit if the soldier's current tour DEROS is March 1 or later. Officers and warrant officers on assignment instructions with report dates of March 1 and May 31 are subject to an involuntary Foreign Service Tour Extension, not to exceed 180 days. Officers and warrant officers with a report date of Feb 28 and earlier **will comply** with their assignment instructions, **unless** an exception is approved. USAREUR soldiers who are retiring or leaving the service **will not** be affected. Units currently supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle **will not** be affected.

### Tell Your Soldiers:

- The stop movement order has been given to maintain personnel readiness and to insure continued unit cohesion and stability.
- A stop movement is not the same as a stop loss.
- Stop loss orders suspend voluntary separations from the military, and have only been implemented for specific skills for limited periods.
- **Exceptions to the stop movement policy may be granted and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.**

### For More Information:

Military personnel should contact their unit S1 or their chain of command for additional information. The 1<sup>st</sup> PERSCOM POCs for enlisted soldiers is Maj. Zane Chambers, DSN 379-6366/9411. POC for officers is Cpt. John Pilgrim, DSN 379-6440.

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